CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Here's Steve
Other known title(s):	Here's Steve! A Photographic Study Of An Everyday English Schoolboy
OFLC ref:	1200981.000
Medium:	Book
Author:	Derek Blew
Editor:	Georges St. Martin
Publisher:	Three Acres Press inc
Country of origin:	United States
Language:	English
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	16 January 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	16 January 2013

Summary of reasons for decision:

The book is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The book, published in 1969, is a "photo essay" devoted to photographs of a ten year-old boy. A proportion of the images show him clothed and engaged in various activities. However, numerous photographs show the boy naked and many of these images display his body in an inappropriately sexual manner. The material is intended for people with a sexual interest in young boys. The book tends to encourage this sexual interest and perpetuate the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in

the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.